

Auburn Hills Public Library Board of Trustees

Budget Hearing

APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:15 p.m.

Location: 3400 E. Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326 (248) 370-9466

1. Call to Order: President Ahern calls the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Aleck, Trustee Borucki, Trustee Matthews, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie.

Guests: 0

Also present: Director Kwiatkowski and Stenographer Barney

3. Approval of draft agenda

Trustee Schie moves that the draft agenda be approved as presented and Trustee Borucki seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Aleck, Trustee Borucki, Trustee Matthews, Trustee Reynolds, and Trustee Schie.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

4. Call to the Public: no members of the public requested to be heard.

5. Review and discussion of 2026 budget and levies

Property taxes for 2026 are expected to increase by 1.8% or \$37,592 according to city projections. Expenditures include a 5% increase in pay in the new year (or adjustments to meet the minimum levels of newly approved pay ranges as well as planned promotions of two part-time employees to full-time status), and a 4% increase in rent for the library building in 2026.

Potential projects for 2026 include a community patio and furniture, installation of a washer and dryer, new adult book shelving, new print/scan/fax/copy station and permanent story trail installation. The estimated total for 2026 projects is \$157,000.

The library's levies for 2026 will be 0.7024 (1984 millage in perpetuity) and 0.2976 (2021 millage for 10 years).

6. Comments from the board

The board commended Director Kwiatkowski on the budget presentation. The Board would like to tour the new poured patio and sod installation. Director Kwiatkowski and trustees discussed consideration of additional future projects such as revisiting the downtown lending library and a branded vehicle.

7. Adjournment: President Ahern adjourned the hearing at 6:33 p.m.